

JCU Australia Study Abroad and Exchange Factsheet 2026

Course Information

Language of instruction and language requirements

Language of instruction: English
Language requirements: IELTS 6.0 (no component lower than 6.0) or TOEFL (internet-based) 74 (no component less than 18) or Pearson (PTE Academic) 52 (no component less than 52)

Eligibility

[Learn more about entry requirements](#)

Undergraduate: successful completion of six months of full-time study at a recognised higher education institution + a minimum cumulative GPA of 4.0 out of 7.0, or minimum average results of approximately 65-70%. Direct from high school applicants will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Postgraduate: successful completion of a bachelor's degree or equivalent from a recognised higher education institution.

Course catalogues

[Find out more](#)

Program Schedule*

JCU follows a **trimester** schedule with **optional blocks** to be added.

Trimester 1: Mid January - late April

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Block 2: 9 March - 25 April

Trimester 2: Mid May - late August

Block 3: 11 May - 27 June

Block 4: 6 July - 22 August

Trimester 3: Mid September - mid December

Block 5: 7 September - 24 October

Block 6: 2 November - 19 December

Option 1

Undergraduate or Postgraduate

- 1 Trimester
- Standard: 3 subjects (9 credits)
- Max: 4 subjects (12 credits)

Option 2

Undergraduate or Postgraduate

- 2 Trimesters
- 8 subjects (24 credits)

Option 3

Undergraduate

- 1 Block + 1 Trimester
- A block is a 4-week intensive subject offering that can be completed pre or post or concurrent to the trimester.

A student may wish to utilise a block to extend their study abroad or exchange and to lighten their subject load. For example, a student could take three subjects for 9 credits in Trimester 1 and then add on a block for an additional 3 credits, rather than taking four subjects (12 credits) in a single trimester.

Top 5 Most Popular Options

Commencement in
Block 4,
then **Trimester 3**

Trimester 3
only

Commencement in
Trimester 1,
then trimester **Block 3**

Trimester 1
only

Trimester 2
only

*Please refer to our official website for latest information on trimester dates and application deadlines.



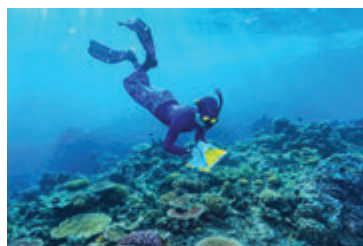
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Academic Calendar Overview (Tentative dates*)

[More info about Academic Calendars](#)

	Nomination Deadline (Exchange students only)	Application Deadline	Term Start	Term End
Trimester 1	15 August 2025	15 September 2025	27 January 2026	25 April 2026
Trimester 2	15 December 2025	15 January 2026	19 May 2026	22 August 2026
Trimester 3	15 April 2026	15 May 2026	15 September 2026	12 December 2026
Block 1	15 August 2025	15 September 2025	12 January 2026	28 February 2026
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*Please refer to our official website for our latest academic calendar update.



Application Information

Nomination process – required for Exchange students ONLY

Nominations for Exchange can be submitted at any point up until the relevant nomination deadline via our online [JCU Exchange Program Nomination Form](#).

Our team will contact both the student and the home institution via email to advise whether the nomination has been accepted. Approved nominees can then submit an application.

Application process

[Learn more](#)

The Study Abroad and Exchange Application Form can be downloaded [here](#).

Exchange students must wait to be advised of the outcome of their nomination prior to submitting an application via their home institution.

Study Abroad students should proceed straight to the application stage (no nomination required) and can apply directly to internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au or via a registered agent.

Successful applicants will receive an Offer Letter via email. Once the offer acceptance and payment have been processed, an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCOE) will be issued.

Documents required for application

- Completed Study Abroad and Exchange Application Form
- Previous and current certified academic transcripts* and certificates (if completed) and the Grading Scale used at the institution/s studied at. Include certified English translations if transcripts are not in English.
- Proof of English proficiency* (not required for native English speakers)
- A copy of the biodata page of the passport

*Academic transcript and proof of English proficiency must be original certified copies.

Fees and Costs

JCU tuition fees are payable only by Study Abroad students. Exchange students continue to pay tuition fees as usual to their home institution. All fees indicated below are in Australian dollars.

Study Abroad Tuition Fees

Please refer to latest info on tuition fee, available at this [link](#).

Undergraduate fee per subject	\$2,800
Postgraduate fee per subject	\$3,100

Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF)**

Number of Credit Points	
1 subject (3 CP)	\$54.75
3 subjects (9 CP)	\$109.50
4 subjects (12 CP)	\$164.25

**SSAF Payable by Study Abroad and Exchange students.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

OSHC is insurance to assist international students in meeting the costs of medical and hospital care that they may need while in Australia. International students in Australia must hold OSHC for the duration of their stay in Australia, as a condition of their student visa.

Currently approximately \$400 (for one trimester), \$700 (for two trimesters). (subject to changes)

[More info about OSHC](#)

Guidance on cost of living in Australia

[Living and education costs](#)

[Cost of living calculator](#)



Visas, Accommodation, and Other Services

Visa Information

Visa requirements and apply online at the Department of Home Affairs website

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Our Region

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Campus Information

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[Cairns campus](#)

Pre-departure Information

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Facilities and Services for Students with Disability

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International Student Services and Support

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Accommodation [Find out more](#)

Living on campus

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Students should apply for on-campus accommodation as soon as possible after receiving their Letter of Offer to avoid missing out.

Living off campus

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